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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

The Bureau of Land Management
18th and "C" Street N.W.
Washington, DC 02240

Re: **Deterioration of the Bonneville Salt Flats**

Gentlemen:

Thirty three years ago when I first visited the Bonneville Salt Flats as one of Colonel Goldie Gardner's MG Land Speed Record car drivers, I was made aware of the fact that a private mining operation was depleting - read: shrinking and thinning the Flats but was assured that the practice would soon be stopped.

It now comes to my attention, more than three decades later, that the Bureau of Land Management continues to allow this mining on what is mainly government land.

This deeply troubles me for a variety of reasons and not least because the preservation of the Salt Flats as the world's premier site of international land speed record setting does much to bolster our badly battered national prestige. It is also a significant profit source (from the world automobile industry) for the State of Utah.

First of all, let me call on the BLM now to terminate this resource degrading land lease and not consider any others thereafter.

Please provide me with detailed information concerning this lease, including with whom it is drawn and for what term. If there is a charge for copies of this information, please notify me as to what this may be.

With thanks in advance for your kind and prompt cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


DAVID ASH

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J. Garn
O. G. Hatch
D. Moynihan

Utah Governor: N. Bangerter 